



Summer Food Service Program Bulletin

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Subject: Training & Webinar Information

USDA Policy Memos, Information & Implementation Memos:

To view previous USDA policy memos, visit:
<http://www.fns.usda.gov/sfsp/policy>

Additional Topics:

- Upcoming Annual SFSP Trainings
- Intent to Operate
- Grant Opportunities
- Upcoming Webinars

Program changes as a result of USDA Policy Memos are to be implemented immediately. Please file this bulletin for reference, guidance and compliance with the Summer Food Service Program. Feel free to call the Child Nutrition Programs office if you need further clarification.

Additional Topics

- **Upcoming Annual SFSP Training (*required for all new and returning sponsors*)**
Annual Training is required every year in order to be an eligible sponsor and receive reimbursement for participation in Summer 2015. Training will be held in Anchorage at the BP Energy Center on Tuesday and Wednesday, March 3rd and 4th. Tuesday the 3rd will be a full day training "SFSP 101" for new sponsors and administrators. Wednesday the 4th will be a half day training, "Administrative Update," in the morning for all new and returning sponsors and administrators.

I will be offering a SFSP training at the Alaska School Nutrition Association (AKSNA) Conference in Anchorage on February 20, 2015 in the afternoon. I will also be hosting an information session for those interested in participating in the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) At-Risk Afterschool Meals. Please see the AKSNA agenda or contact us for more information.

Distance training for school sites will be held on Thursday, April 2nd.

Distance training for all other sponsors unable to travel to Anchorage will be held Thursday, April 9th. Please submit registration to alexis.hall@alaska.gov by **February 20th** (attached).

- **Intent to Operate (*required for all returning sponsors*)**

Sponsors of the SFSP are required to submit in writing, their intention to operate the program and the sites they plan to serve. Please indicate which sites you plan on operating, as well as any additions or deletions of sites that you know of at this time. If you are not planning to participate in the SFSP, please advise our office so that a termination form may be sent to your agency. Please submit Intent to Operate to alexis.hall@alaska.gov by **February 20th** (attached).

- **Grant Opportunities**

Share Our Strength/No Kid Hungry has updated their grant opportunities webpage with some for specific Summer Programs and others for general School Breakfast Programs, Hunger Relief, Health and Education Services, Physical Activity, Services for Women and Children, Organizational Capacity Building, Capital Expenditures and their New Opportunity of the Month which is for After School Program Grants. Check out all of these wonderful grant opportunities on the No Kid Hungry website here: <http://bestpractices.nokidhungry.org/child-nutrition-program-grant-opportunities>

- **Upcoming Webinars**

- What: USDA Summer Meals Funding and Grant Opportunities
When: Wednesday, January 14th at 12:00pm
Description: Have access to the great alternatives available to fund your summer meals program, application process and important deadlines. [Click here to register](#)
- What: USDA Engaging Tribal Organizations
When: Wednesday, January 21st at 10:30am
Description: Learn how your Tribal Organizations and communities can be involved in the Summer Meals Program. [Click here to register](#)
- What: CNR in 2015: Taking Action to Achieve No Kid Hungry in the Summer
When: Tuesday, January 27th at 10:00am
Description: Join the No Kid Hungry Center for Best Practices on January 27th to learn more about the process for reauthorization in Congress, policy opportunities to reach more hungry kids in the summer months, and how you can take action to make sure we achieve No Kid Hungry in the summer. [Click here to register](#)
- What: USDA SFSP 101 and How to Be a Summer Meals Champion
When: Tuesday, January 27th at 12:00pm
Description: Learn the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) basics, frequently asked questions, and the steps to make your program a success! [Click here to register](#)
- What: USDA Explore the New Summer Meals Toolkit
When: Wednesday, February 4th at 11:00am
Description: Navigate with us the updated Summer Meals Toolkit! We will help you identify policy, memos, and resources that will complement your summer meals efforts. [Click here to register](#)
- What: USDA Best Practices for Tackling the Transportation Challenge
When: Tuesday, February 10th at 11:00am
Description: Learn about the many solutions that can help you solve transportation challenges so you can feed and reach even more children! [Click here to register](#)
- What: Innovative Logistics for Summer Meals
When: Thursday, February 12th at 10:00am
Description: Every Community faces unique challenges when trying to connect eligible kids with the summer meals program. Across the country, these challenges are being overcome through

exciting innovations and partnerships. Join the No Kid Hungry Center for Best Practices to hear how sponsors are reaching more kids by partnering with unique stakeholders like Meals on Wheels, Housing Authorities, and state Departments of Transportation. [Click Here to register](#)

- What: Planning Your Summer Meals Budget
When: Wednesday, February 18th at 10:00am
Description: The Summer Food Service Program provides critical funds to feed all kids who participate. While the dynamic nature of the program allows sponsors to serve more kids during the summer, it can also make budgeting a challenge. However, a strong plan and the right budgeting tools can help you strengthen your program and prepare for a successful summer. This webinar is designed to provide Summer Meals Sponsors with best practices for budget planning, an introduction to the interactive budgeting tool the No Kid Hungry Summer Meals Calculator, and the chance to ask budget questions from financial professionals and the USDA. [Click here to register](#)

Calendar of Upcoming Events & Deadlines	
Funding & Grant Opportunities Webinar	January 14, 2015
Engaging Tribal Organizations Webinar	January 21, 2015
Taking Action Webinar	January 27, 2015
SFSP 101 Webinar	January 27, 2015
Explore the New Summer Meals Toolkit Webinar	February 4, 2015
Tackling the Transportation Challenge Webinar	February 10, 2015
Innovative Logistics Webinar	February 12, 2015
Planning Your Summer Meals Budget Webinar	February 18, 2015
Intent to Operate Due	February 20, 2015
Training Registration Due	February 20, 2015
Anchorage Training for New Sponsors	March 3, 2015
Anchorage Training for Returning Sponsors	March 4, 2015
Distance Training for School Sponsors	April 2, 2015
Distance Training for All Other Sponsors	April 9, 2015
SFSP Applications Due for Sponsors Requesting Advance Payments	April 15, 2015
Final day to submit SFSP Applications <u>All applications must be submitted no later</u>	June 15, 2015

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Commonly Used Acronyms

SFSP – Summer Food Service Program

CNP – Child Nutrition Programs

WRO – Western Region Office

FNS – Food & Nutrition Services

FNSRO-Food & Nut Services Reg. Office

USDA – U.S. Department of Agriculture

SA – State Agency

DEC – Department of Conservation

LEA – Local Education Agency



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